

THE SCOUT OATH

On My Honor I will do my best:

1. To do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law;
2. To help other people at all times;
3. To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

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THE SCOUT LAW

1. A Scout is Trustworthy
2. A Scout is Loyal
3. A Scout is Helpful
4. A Scout is Friendly
5. A Scout is Courteous
6. A Scout is Kind
7. A Scout is Obedient
8. A Scout is Cheerful
9. A Scout is Thrifty
10. A Scout is Brave
11. A Scout is Clean
12. A Scout is Reverent

New Tract of Land Purchased at Owasippi

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HIAWATHA BEACH, lying at the west end of Big Blue Lake and only a few rods from the Owasippe Camps present holdings, has been purchased by the Chicago Council. This piece of property contains about forty-three acres and without a doubt the finest bathing beach on the lake.

On the new piece there are sites for at least two camps, which with the five sites on the piece of property bought last year, gives Chicago Scouts seven camp sites on Big Blue Lake alone.

Coming just at Christmas time, as the purchase was made just a couple of days before Christmas, this can be accepted by Chicago Scouts as a Christmas present with the compliments of the Chicago Executive Committee and Scouting's good friends.

Between now and the time camp opens more land in this region may be secured, especially that lying along the banks of the White River. There are two or three spots that would make fine hiking objectives and these particularly are being considered.

You will want to make Hiawatha Beach one of your hiking objectives next summer, when you go to camp, so keep in mind that it lies at the west end of Big Blue Lake.

Position While Taking Scout Oath

While taking or renewing the Scout Oath the Scout gives the Scout sign.

While reciting the Scout Law the Scout should stand at salute.

If the above conflicts with your practice heretofore or with published statements, be advised that the positions just stated become official as of January 1st, 1926.

Scouts to Do Civic Good Turn

THE eleventh Scout law is "A Scout IS Clean." If the Scout is to be clean, he will want things about him to be clean, and that's where the rub comes in.

It has been six or seven years since the blue and white enamel street signs on all Chicago corners were installed. In all that time they haven't had their faces washed. Just think, Scout, what you



This view from the door of the South Central Cabin at Camp Kiwanis explains why the camp is so popular

E. A. Bolan

would look like if your face hadn't been washed in seven years. One might say it was a dirty shame, eh, what?

Rather than put up with such dirty street signs, each of which advertises to our city's disgrace, how dirty we really are the Scouts as a civic good turn are going to apply the old elbow grease and clean up on 'em.

Bath to be Given on Saturday

Of course Saturday is the ideal day to give baths, so Saturday, the 6th of February, has been set aside as the day when the scouring is to be done.

Each district is laying its own plans and will announce to its Scouts through the Scoutmaster bulletins just how the job is to be put over.

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6074 Scouts at Kiwanis South

THREE Kiwanis Clubs on the South Side made it possible for 6,074 Scouts and leaders from the South Side to camp comfortably on their week end hikes during the past year. For the benefit of those not living on the South Side and not familiar with camp Kiwanis South, be it known that these three clubs are the Englewood, Woodlawn and Garfield Boulevard. The camp is in the Palos Park section of the Forest Preserve.

The camp is operated with the Scout program, under the supervision of a camp director. The Scout Law is the law of the camp. There is opportunity for fun and tests and all that goes in the makeup of the outing part of Scouting.

The camp is built to accommodate 200 Scouts at a time and is full to capacity almost every week end. There are three log cabins, sixteen pyramidal tents, double deck cots, stoves, tables, benches and other small equipment.

The tents are kept warm in winter by small sheet iron stoves. These stoves heat up very rapidly and throw a great amount of heat. Fuel is not much of a problem as these stoves will burn most anything.

Tents are framed on wooden sidings constructed by members of the Kiwanis clubs. Most of the equipment was donated by good friends, one of the foremost being Anton J. Cermak, president of the Cook County Forest Preserves. Mr. Cermak visits the camp often and is very enthusiastic about it. Chief Forester Ransom Kennicott, also chairman of the Chicago Scouting Camping Committee, is another very staunch friend.

The cost of maintaining the camp during the past year was \$1,576, all of which was paid by the Kiwanis Clubs mentioned.

Scout Anniversary week comes this year on February 6th to 13th. Next month's SCOUTCRAFT will carry plans for the entire celebration but in the meantime your troop should be planning some definite good turns.

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THEODORE SHEARER

Patrol Builds Terrene Map Board

THE Beaver patrol of Troop 872, Fritz Franke, patrol leader, are building a terrene map of the property owned by the Owasippe Scout Camps on Crystal Lake.



Last summer Mr. Edson and Edmund Steinbach, North Shore Eagle Scout in Troop 856, surveyed and made a topographical map of the property. With this map to work from these energetic Scouts are building hills of beaver board, lakes of tin with street car sand for beaches. Trees are being located and buildings whittled from pieces of soft wood. After all objects are in place the whole board will be coated with a paper mache mixture and then painted.

The board will form part of the exhibit material now being assembled by the Central headquarters and will be available for display soon.



Your Big Job

A TRAIN is an interesting thing. But the most interesting part is what? The engine—sure!

A train consists of the engine and the cars, but what a difference. The engine with its great power strutting around, lords it over the cars which grind along and are shoved about.

Many Differences

An engine probably costs as much as a whole train of box cars. The engine always has two personal attendants. The same number look after fifty cars. When the engine stops the whole train stops. The engine carries only itself and its fire and steam. The cars have everything under the sun dumped in them from coal to cattle. The engine leads the way and sets the pace and the cars follow along meekly.

The Big Difference

Have you ever wondered how the engine "got that way"? There isn't much of a secret. All engines possess one thing the cars do not and that is MOTIVE POWER. Back in the shops when both the engine and the cars were built, about the same material was used, but one was given motive power.

Two Kinds of Men

If all men were likened to a train they too would fall into two classes. The first would be the type that possess motive power and the second would be those that have no power and follow the engine.

Your Classification

To save time, let us not mince words but fire a question. When you roll out of the workshop of youth, where all men are made, will you be under your own power or will you be pushed out as a freight car?

Secret of Engine Building

The plans for all engines call for motive power. Build then, in your life, if you would be an engine and not a box car, habits that tend toward power.

Attend your daily tasks regularly, study hard securing an education, do your home duties with pep, learn to save and learn to do things for yourself, not having to be pulled and pushed by your parents, your teachers, your Scoutmaster.

Watch closely for opportunities to lead others, learn how to make decisions on your own responsibility and resolve this thing, DON'T WAIT TO BE A GREAT MAN, BE A GREAT BOY.

Scouts to Do Civic Good Turn

Work to be Recognized

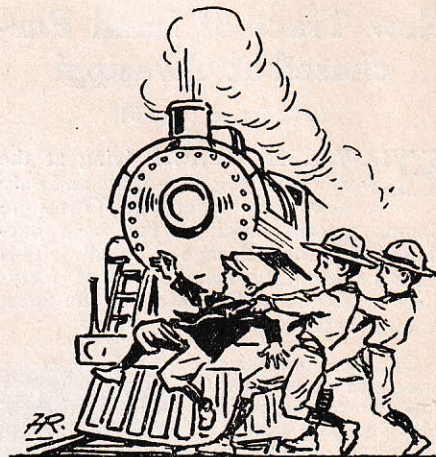
To commemorate the day of the great wash, a medallion which can be affixed to the pole of the troop flag, will be presented to troops taking part. The exact conditions of this award will be announced in each district's bulletin. But in the meantime, Scouts, get out the old sponge and rags, oil up your elbows and be prepared for the grand scrubbing party.

Rescued Frightened Boy

GLUED with fright to the middle of a railroad trestle as he heard the shrill whistle of an approaching train, 10-year-old "Buster" Olson of Warren, Pa., was rescued from his dangerous position by two Boy Scouts.

Buster had been attending a football game, decided he would take a short cut home, via the railroad bridge.

When the child was half way across he heard the warning signal of a freight train but a short distance away.



The boy became terror stricken. He could neither move to the side of the track, nor attempt to lower himself below the bridge. Helpless, he stood in the path of the oncoming train.

Scouts Joe Foley, aged 14, and Lewis Conway, 15, passing near the bridge, saw the danger. They dashed for the petrified boy. Grasping him bodily, they swung him down a pier out of the path of the train only a few seconds before it rushed by.

"Undoubtedly the lad would have met serious injury or death," stated a local journal, "had it not been for the Scout training of the two lads who acted as rescuers of the boy."

How to Kill Your Troop

1. Don't attend the meetings, especially if the weather doesn't quite suit you.
2. But if you do attend, come in late.
3. Don't think of cleaning up for troop meeting; disregard the eleventh Scout law entirely.
4. When you come in, begin crabbing about the Scoutmaster.
5. Don't accept a patrol leader's job or any other office, as it is easier to criticize than to do things. But get sore if you aren't given an office, and then, if you are, don't attend the patrol meetings.
6. Hold back on your dues, or don't pay them at all.
7. When the rest of the fellows roll up their sleeves and tackle a real job unselfishly, howl around that the troop is run by a clique.
8. Above everything, avoid advancement in rank or merit badge work; a really ambitious fellow is so apt to be undesirable company.

Did You Ever Stop to Think That—

IT is not playing the game fairly when a Scout or his parents try to get the Scout outfitter to set aside the requirement that up-to-date certificate must be shown when purchasing official equipment, just because the certificate was forgotten, or is lost, or anywhere but in hand? It puts the outfitter to much embarrassment. He does not want to refuse to sell goods, and he does not wish to disoblige a customer. But the outfitter knows that HE MUST NOT VIOLATE HIS AGREEMENT, and when a Scout asks him to, he wonders if after all "a Scout is trustworthy."

The requirement is purely for your protection. The purpose is to prevent the sale of official equipment to boys who are not Scouts. You'd be surprised at the number of boys not entitled to do so who try to purchase the Scout uniform.

Junior Assistant Scoutmasters New Rank

CHIEF Scout Executive, James E. West, in a letter to his Scout Executives, announcing changes in requirements, included the following statement:

"I take great pleasure in inviting special attention to the provision for Junior Assistant Scoutmasters. I personally advocated the creation of this rank, because of the recommendations that came from many sources in the field, incident to my trip of 24,000 miles of travel.

I anticipate that fully 40,000 or 50,000 young men will qualify for this new rank in Scouting, and as is noted, there is no limitation as to the number for one troop.

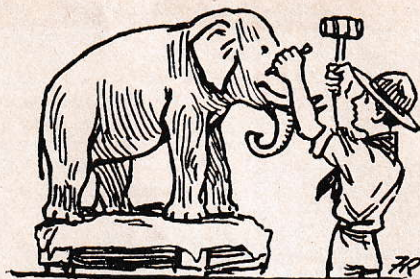
It can be used as a means of holding together as a unit all older boys of the troop who are first class Scouts and sixteen years of age. They should, however, in each case be held on the basis of service to the troop and not merely because of their desire to have a rank and the new insignia and possibly the difference in uniform which may later be prescribed."

No application blanks or other information is at hand yet on this new rank and it will possibly be a month before applications can really be handled.

Made Gifts for Coolidges

PIECES of Scout craftsmanship have a place in the White House.

President and Mrs. Coolidge are the recipients of bits of handiwork carved by Scout Harry Blaney, who has the distinction of being the smallest Scout in Lynn, Mass.



To the President, Harry presented a bust carved in soap. To Mrs. Coolidge, he sent some ivory elephants.

Scout Blaney treasures the following cordial messages of appreciation which he has received from the White House: "My dear Master Harry:

Mrs. Coolidge wishes me to give you most cordial thanks on behalf of the President and herself for the little ivory elephants you have carved for them. Mrs. Coolidge realizes how many hours of careful work this has meant, and she would like you to know that the President and she appreciate very much the good wishes which your clever handiwork expresses.

Sincerely yours,
Laura Harlan, Secretary"

Can You Stand the Gaff

A GAFF is a metal spur fastened on the legs of a game cock when matched against another cock, and oftentimes used by the bird with deadly effect on his opponent. From this use of the spur we get the expression, "Can you stand the gaff?" by which we mean, "Can you stand up against the prods and thrusts of ridicule and opposition in the fight?"

Ridicule has been such a common experience in the lives of great men as to lead one to conclude that when he is laughed at he is on the right track.

South Central News

Another Assistant Executive

SOUTH Central welcomes into the fold Mr. Ray Quisenberry, who is at the present time holding the rank of full time Assistant Field Scout Executive. Mr. Quisenberry came on the job December 15th, with recommendations from Region 4 and from his home town, where he has been Scout Executive.

He has had two years' university work and has been an instructor of biology. For two and a half years he has been Scout Executive and director of the Scout camp at Parkersburg, W. Va. He is a graduate of the 30-day Scout Executive Training Course, which was held at Bear Mountain, N. Y., last month, and served in the United States Marine Corps during the war.

He is a peach of a fellow and he got his introduction to the "gang" at the Non-Com. Training Course, Tuesday evening, December 15th.

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South Central has been running a bulletin contest for the past seven weeks. Each week the editor of the South Central "bull" copied one of the bulletins from some other Scout district in Chicago and a vote was held at the end of the contest to see which of the Chicago Scout bulletins were the best. Out of a total of 33 votes which were returned, 30 favored South Central for first place, while the remainder of the votes were scattered with Calumet, Northwest and South Shore, each having one first place. Walter McPeck, Assistant Field Executive of the South Shore District, take notice.

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Sixty-three Scouts, patrol leaders, assistant patrol leaders, scribes, and other troop leaders, received diplomas from the first Non-Com. Training Course, which has never been held in the South Central District. The awards were presented before an audience of 300 parents and friends, who stormed McKinley Park stunt night. The following troops were awarded diplomas at the Non-Com. Training Course:

Troop 417-3; 418-5; 408-5; 409-3; 401-3; 407-7; 450-4; 420-3; 447-5; 404-2; 445-4; 431-1; 412-3; 421-4; 693-11.

The following Scouts received special awards:

100 Per Cent Gold Duty Pin—J. Robertson, 447; F. Fernbach, 693; J. Kirnbauer, 445; Edward Allen, 412.

100 Per Cent Scout Duty Pin—J. Prusinski, 450; J. Fabish, 445; R. Crosse, 450; J. Sklenar, 417.

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One of the big projects of the coming year for the South Central District is the organization of boys of the Washburne School into Scout troops. The Washburne School is one of Chicago's eight continuation schools, where boys who work attend in order to fulfill the Board of Education scholastic requirements. Scout Headquarters has arranged with the officials of the Board of Education and the Washburne School to organize a thousand boys who are in the school into Scout troops. The exact number, not yet determined but sure to run over 25. School teachers will act as Scoutmasters and Mr. Quisenberry, the new Assistant Executive, will have full charge of organizing the Washburne Continuation School Scout project.



Big Blue Lake, where new tract of land has been purchased for an addition to the Owassippe Scout Camps. The point to the right of the picture is the old holdings. To the left jutting out into the lake is seen the corner of the new property known as Hiawatha Beach



The path to
Camp Kiwanis



Winter adventure is
calling Scout, wonder
what is over that hill?



A minor accident -
but what of it!



He hasn't
fallen -
but he has-
n't put 'em
on either.



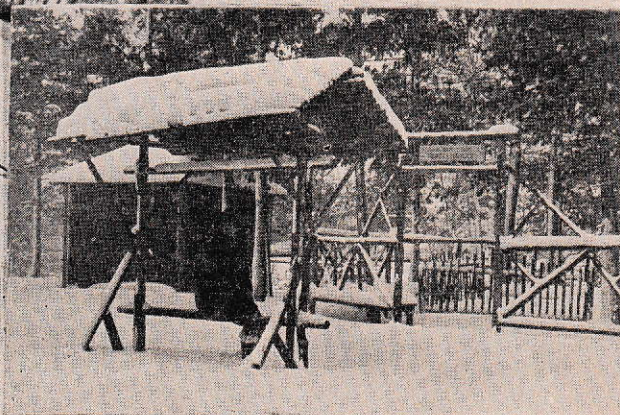
Going good now,
but wait - just wait.



It was 18° below. Two
South Shore Scouts kept
warm this way.



E.A. Bolan
photographer
songster
winter hiker



And here is old Owasippe,
Camp Dan Beard, dressed in
white.

SOUTH SHORE SQUARE KNOT

South Shore Square Knot

(The news of what has been, is, and is to be in the Boy Scout Troops of the South Shore District, Chicago.)

Regarding Our Name

OLD timers in Chicago Scouting will recognize the caption "South Shore Square Knot," which will appear above the South Shore news in Scoutcraft each month. The name dates back to Mr. Walsh's time, when the District newspaper was known as "The Square Knot." The drawing was made by Lyman Anderson, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 563, especially for the new Scoutcraft. How do you like it?

Woodlawn Troops Hold Fun Rally

The Woodlawn Scout troops participated in their first annual Fun Rally on Friday evening, Dec. 11th, in what was probably the largest gathering of Scouts ever held in their community. Sponsored by the Woodlawn Scout Leaders' Association the event was well planned and was a splendid example of what can be done in inter-troop co-operation. The troops gathered at the various headquarters and proceeded to the rally in a body, where they entered into a program of games, stories and stunts, lasting through the evening. A skating contest is planned for early January, and a joint church service for February.

"Thunder and Lightnin'"

An entertainment, to be given at the Midway Masonic Temple on Friday, Jan. 29th, is the big item of business on the program of the South Shore District Scout Leaders' Association. The program will be made up of eleven different stunts, one given by each of the community Scout Leaders' clubs. The name of "Thunder and Lightnin'" was chosen at a meeting of the Executive Committee, made up of Messrs. Johnson, McDonald, Lalor and Connolly. Practically every troop is planning on attending the entertainment in a body. Parents and friends will also attend.

Scout Leaders' Hike

More than a dozen leaders attended the recent hike to Camp Kiwanis, which was included as a part of the elementary Training Course given during November and December. It has been estimated that eleven Scout tests and ten merit badges were practiced while on the hike. (This included Physical Development incident to pushing an automobile up hill.)

Pow Wow Making Hit

The Scoutmaster-Patrol Leader Pow Wow, recently issued from National Headquarters, is being used in nearly three-fourths of South Shore Scout troops. Scoutmasters are planning all sorts of get-togethers with their patrol leaders in order

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NORTHWESTER

Walter J. Mattick, Editor Active Season Ahead

THE spring activities of the Northwest District are already being planned. The first big event will be the Cheaugau Campers Reunion Dinner. This will be held probably in February. The Scoutmaster's Association is sponsoring a training course for Scout leaders which is beginning this month. President George Lacine has selected the following members of the Association to act as a Swimming Meet Committee: C. P. Peterson, chairman, and Messrs. Emerling, Cohen and Mack. This meet will be an inter-troop contest and all troops are urged to begin selecting their teams.

Chairman Wm. V. Johnson, of the Court of Honor, expects many Scouts to appear for their second and first class examinations. All first class Scouts in the district should concentrate on merit badges.

Don't forget, the coming season is a great one for hiking and every troop should include this outdoor activity.

Another New Assistant

The Northwest District has another new Assistant Field Scout Executive. He is known as "Ted" Grant and came up in the ranks from the North Shore District.

Mr. Grant is also a graduate of the first national training course for Scout executives conducted by the National Council. J. J. Walker, the other Assistant Executive, introduced to you last month in this column, is busily engaged in his work with the troops. From all reports he is a live wire.

Northwest Leads Again

This time the Northwest District led in another field of activity. Scout Kaplan of Troop 79, won the silver loving cup awarded by the Yellow-Drive-It-Yourself System in its safety campaign. Scout Kaplan wrote, what was considered, the best essay on safety. All Scouts contesting were required to direct traffic for at least one hour on a busy street intersection.

With the City-Wide First Aid Championship Shield won last June, Northwest District has a distinctive leadership in City-Wide Competitions.

Scout Leaders in Joint Meet

The Northwest Scoutmasters Association has invited the North Shore Scout Leaders as their guests at the meeting held this month. The meeting has been scheduled for Thursday evening, January 14th, at the Association House, 2150 W. North Avenue. Chairman Ralph W. Lar-

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For Camp or Hike take Snap Shots

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U. S. Yards

What I Would Do If I Were a Patrol Leader

EVERYBODY likes to have a place they can call home. Your troop must have its headquarters and the ideal headquarters is one that is used only by the troop. Once in a while we find a troop that has such a place. Usually, unless the troop's headquarters have been built for its exclusive use, the headquarters room has to be shared with many others. Any place large enough for the troop is also large enough for other organizations and therefore must be shared.

But a patrol's headquarters need not be nearly so large and because only a small space is necessary a patrol usually does not experience a great deal of difficulty in securing permission to use some forgotten nook as their headquarters.

So, if I were a patrol leader, I would set out to find a home for my patrol. Now where would the most logical place for a patrol home be? Probably the place where the troop meets, wouldn't it? I'll bet there are dozens of places in most every church in Chicago that could be secured for a patrol home. Remember, a room ten or twelve feet square is plenty big enough. What if it is behind the coal bin or back at the far corner of the building. It will be fun getting back there.

Failing in finding a place in the same building the troop has its headquarters, I would next canvass the housing situation in the basements of the homes of my patrol members. In some apartment buildings locker rooms and storage rooms are provided that would make the finest kind of a patrol home. There are eight possibilities of finding a home in every full Scout patrol in town.

If a place couldn't be found in either the troops headquarters or a home I would seek the most secluded empty lot in the neighborhood. I would find the owner and put the proposition up to him. I would tell him this wasn't a gang of rough necks wanting to build a house where they could build fires and cause destruction in general. I would outline to him just what I with my patrol proposed to do in our new home. I would assure him that we would seek to protect his property from the vandalism of other boys. My guess is that you would secure permission easily.

Furnishing the New Home

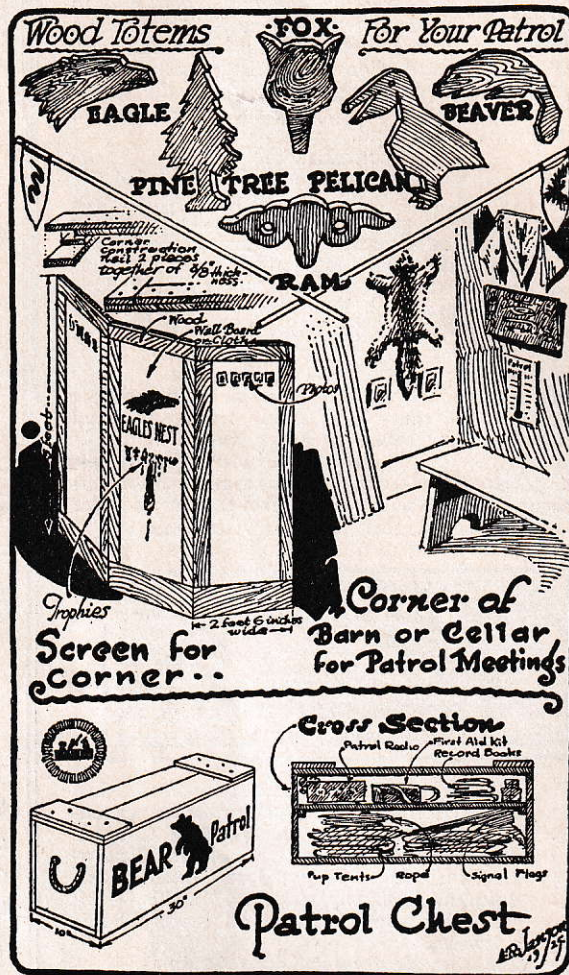
First let us consider what is to be done if you secure a place either in the building the troop's headquarters is or some one's basement. If the place isn't already a room you will have to find material to construct walls. Beaver board is probably the cheapest material. Perhaps the patrol will have to pinch hard and sacrifice a number of things to get their home within four walls, but it will be worth while.

After the walls are up you will want a table and benches or chairs. Pennants and Scout pictures or animal pictures will make the walls attractive. Pictures of hikes and camp, first class maps, trophies and many things can be added. Patrols that go in strong for patrol projects will certainly want a work bench even if it is a small one.

of the patrol's totem. Flags, trophies, pictures and other things can be fastened to this screen making it very interesting to other patrols and visitors. Behind the screen decorations can be hung a "ditty box" or patrol chest can be made to hold the patrol's property and a good strong lock put on to keep out inquisitive visitors. Here behind this screen, away from the view of others a patrol leader would find it much easier to carry on, besides developing that sense of possession which will mean so much to his patrol.

Here's hoping every patrol in every troop in Chicago gets a home in 1926. Patrols developing such homes are invited to tell the other patrol leaders and patrol members through the pages of SCOUTCRAFT about their achievements.

(The illustration used with this story is from "Patrol Stunts" outlining 259 projects for Scout patrols. The booklet is published by The Boycraft Company. Copies can be secured through your field offices for 20 cents each.)



If You Build a Shack

If your patrol home is to be a shack you will want to make a decent looking place. Get Dan Beard's book on Shelters, Shacks and Shanties. There are dozens of fine designs.

Patrol Corners

Perhaps, though, there will be some patrols that cannot possibly find a room but still have a great desire for some place they can get out of sight for their patrol meetings and to have a place where they can display trophies and other possessions.

To this patrol I would suggest that a three section screen be built that can set around their corner. On the outside of this in the center panel could be a cutout

Northwest News Continued

son of the Joint Meeting Committee, reports that a real live program has been planned for the evening. All Scoutmasters, assistants and troop committeemen should make an effort to attend this interesting meeting.

Troop News

Troop 23 is now in the midst of a closely contested inter-patrol fracas. All of the four patrols are vying for first place honors. At the Troop Knot Tying Contest held last month, Senior Patrol Leader Arthur Landgraf won the championship for the third consecutive time, thereby permanently retaining the medal. Troop 23 is out to make a hiking record this year which will surpass any previous years.

The Chicago Commons Troop took part in the "Bean Feed" held at their settlement house last month. The Boy Scouts won the junior prize for the best decorated table. Scribe Pomano says they won the same event in 1923.

Troop 13 is stepping right along. They aided their church in making up Christmas Baskets. A Parent's Night is planned for February 7th. As the Scoutmaster is in Florida, Assistant Scoutmaster Kraus has taken charge of the troop and is sure making them step.

Troop 37 held its annual Xmas Party on December 21st, where the prizes were awarded for the point contest. The next evening the Scouts brought their fathers out again to the Fathers and Sons Banquet. Scoutmaster Ralph Larson is keeping Troop 37 in the limelight.

Troop 39's Drum and Bugle Corps is having a busy season. On Xmas Day they played at the County Hospital. Scoutmaster Wettstein is certainly developing a fine corps to represent the Northwest District.



TROOP 212 had an overnight hike the Saturday and Sunday after Thanksgiving. The Scouts had a council fire Saturday night. Everybody had a good time. It was only a Leaders hike and was very successful. Troop 212 has formed three new Patrols, the Eagles, Beavers and the Dogs. They are coming along fine.

Alert Scout

Scout Milton Leiberman of Troop 224 set alarm for fire. He saw smoke coming from the basement. Thinking it only smoke from the furnace he walked on and then hesitated a moment, looking back, saw smoke coming from the window. He ran for the house and grasping a milk bottle, threw it at the window. He made an attempt to enter but was overcome by the smoke. Running for the fire box he sent in the alarm, awaited the engines and told the place. A great damage was done but no one was home, so no one was hurt.

Troop 273

The meeting had started, the Patrol Leaders were talking to their Patrols in a whisper. This is what they were saying: "Tuesday, December 8, 1925, there was a Court of Review for the Union Park District, being held at Chase House, Troop 273's headquarters. Scoutmasters from every troop in the Union Park District were there. We heard a noise. Everybody was silent. The door opened and in came Mr. Hiner and Mr. McMahan, the two Assistant Field Scout Executives. Among the Scoutmasters present were Toby Polito, Mr. LeVine, Dr. Barnes and many others. Many Scouts had passed their tests and few had not. But that's all right, we are sure that they will pass the next Court of Review. We, the Scouts of Troop 273, wish you all good luck.

Mr. Hiner gave the following statement when interviewed: "It is sure a pleasant sight to see fifty Scouts present. With so many Scouts passing Second and First Class tests, Union Park District will soon be among the best in the city.

News

Parents Night With Troop 370

On November 19, 1925, the Scouts of Troop 370 brought their parents and friends to a meeting for a big get-acquainted night. Fifty parents and twenty friends and little folks came out.

The meeting "house," the Evangelical Church at Austin Blvd. and Filhuare Street, was very nicely decorated by a camp scene hung along one side and "Welcomes" arranged where they were pleasing to the sight of those who came.

At eight o'clock, the Boy Scouts, fifty in number, led by color guards and Senior Patrol, Flurkey, and lined up for attention. Salute of Flag, Oath and Laws were led by Senior Patrol Leader Van De Alker. One moment of silence to observe the 12th Law. The troop marched out and came in and found seats while

Mr. Wiegand with the Boy Scout Bank rendered some fine selections.

Mr. Vaughn, Chairman of the Troop Committee, gave a word of welcome to the audience and then called on Reverend Schmidt who gave a short talk which was enjoyed by all.

The next hour was turned over to the patrols who had been instructed to have "stunts" ready. They responded in regular Boy Scout style.

The Flying Eagles gave a fine reproduction of Camp Life from 6:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m., at Camp Foulis by Lake Wauwau See, near Cromwell, Indiana, which every one enjoyed.

The band gave several selections. Thanks to Mr. Weigand's faithful work of training.

Mr. Hiner, Asst. Field Scout Executive, was present and presented the Troop Charter and Commission to Scoutmaster, J. Carl Sommer.

While refreshments were being prepared the Scouts demonstrated a few games to their parents. When ready, Oh Boy! Hot dogs, holes with rings around them and cocoa in cups, served on a plate too. Parents were served first and they sure did eat, but alas, the Scouts were not equalled, all the dogs, holes, etc., and there was some left over. Were those fellows filled up, Oh, My! (next day). They were all counted among the living as yet anyway.

Then those visitors were no pikers, they donated almost enough to pay the bill. That's the kind of parents and friends the Boy Scouts have out with No. 370 on the Southeast corner of the City of Chicago and the four corners of Chicago, Cicero, Oak Park and Berwyn.

We did fine in 1925, but wait for 1926.

Troop 246, under the leadership of Mr. Liest, is coming back to its old time activities. An inter-patrol contest is going on and there is a strong competition between the Patrols. The reward is a beautiful Scout Shield to be given and dedicated to the winning Patrol.

Smile, Boys, Smile

Remember the eighth Law. Scientists say it takes sixty-five muscles of the face to make a frown, and only thirteen to smile, by doing the latter you can save a lot of wasted energy.

Arthur Gregg
Troop 364

Scrambled Autos

It takes about 1,500 nuts to hold an automobile together but one can scatter it all over the landscape.

Arthur Gregg
Troop 364

South Shore News Continued

to help put the Pow Wow across. In several cases patrol leaders hikes are being held. In other cases the gang has been invited over to the home of one of the boys for supper, with the Pow Wow conference following.

Advancement Contest

Everybody is working on the Advancement Contest. It is no wonder, though, because every troop can use another pup tent. Points are given for recruiting new Scouts and for all forms of advancement. The points are so divided that any troop can win 100 points during the ninety day contest, and thus win a pup tent. Two tents are to be given to the troop with the largest number of points in each community. Four pup tents will be given to the troop with the largest number of points in the district. This Advancement Contest or "Second Class Drive," is something in which every troop has a chance and in which it can compete against its own past record.

District Party

The Fun House at White City was the scene of much activity and a large gathering of Scouts on the night before Thanksgiving. It was the District Thanksgiving party, engineered by Messrs. Auerbach and Schwartz. Ice cream and all sorts of good things to eat, all sorts of fun and games, and the Daily News Band were much in evidence. Everybody had a great time.

Oakland Troop Holds Parents' Night

Troop 501, of the First Presbyterian Church, 41st Street and Grand Blvd., has been forging ahead rapidly this fall under the leadership of Scoutmaster R. L. Van Horn and his assistants, Charles Hagen and R. Lewis. On Friday evening, December 4th, they held a Parents' Night gathering, at which time three tenderfoot Scouts were invested with their badges and accepted into the troop.

Illinois Bell Troops Hike

Troops 503 and 509 of the Loop community, under the leadership of Scoutmasters Hornkohl and Richmond, are keeping the "out" in Scouting. Every month they have a big hike, attended by practically every Scout in the troops. Over the week-end of December 12th they hiked to Camp Reinberg.

Father and Sons Banquet

Troop 505, of the Hyde Park Baptist Church, 56th and Woodlawn Ave., held its annual banquet for Fathers and Sons on Friday evening, December 4th.

Their Christmas Good Turn

Practically every Scout troop has taken advantage of the special Christmas opportunity for a troop Good Turn. Toys have been collected and re-painted, to be presented to orphan homes, and all sorts of Good Turns have been devised. Troop 511 of Hyde Park collected large quantities of magazines for distribution to soldiers hospitals.

Christmas for Poor Boys

A year ago Scouts and friends of Troop 514 put on a very successful party, including eats and presents, with twenty-five poor boys as their guests. This year the number of boys invited was raised to double the number of last year, and Monday evening, December 21st, the church was the scene of much activity and good times.

Calumet News

743 Holds Public Meeting

TROOP 734, G. A. Koch, Scoutmaster, Fernwood, an old landmark of the Calumet District, held a public meeting Thursday, December 10, at the new field house in Fernwood park. Several parents were present together with the troop committee, all of whom agreed to get back of the troop and its leader in a more definite way during the coming year. Members of the troop, under the direction of Allen Koch, put on three or four clever stunts.

New Troops Organized

The registrations of three new troops have been received already in December. They are as follows:

754, Joseph R. Stanley, Scoutmaster, San Salvador Council, 114th Place, near Michigan Ave.

708, Arthur Swanson, S. M.; Oscar Stark, A. S. M. Bethesda Lutheran Church, 105th and Ave. J.

729, Roy F. Healy, S. M.; Herbert Cotton, A. S. M. Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, 12032 Stewart Ave.

New Ceiling at Cabin

It's good news even to the polar bears of the district that the new ceiling is almost in at the cabin. It will mean several degrees more warmth on some of the coming zero nights, and that will not hurt any one's feeling in spite of the fact that several troops hope to land out there in a blizzard. Messrs. Clanderman, Perry, Batchelor and some good friends from the San Salvador Council did most of the work.

New Arrangements at the Cabin

Hereafter at the cabin meals are to be served on a community basis, that is, one individual or group is to prepare the entire meal. This will do away with several Scouts musing around doing their own cooking. Individual cooking is to be done on the outside cooking grate, and in the Scouts own cooking utensils. Before starting down, all the work details, especially the wood, manuring the cabin floor, and dish washing, should be planned.

703 Has Big Night

On Tuesday, December 15, Troop 703, St. Stephens Methodist Church, 113th and State Streets, put over a big affair. It was a fathers and sons night. The large church basement was filled when about a hundred and fifty dads and boys sat down to the banquet served by the ladies of the church. It was a real banquet with all the trimmings, and the reporter for Scoutcraft noticed that members of Troop 703 knew all about how to do their share in disposing of the eats.

The principal speaker of the evening was Mr. Gilbert W. Butler who gave an eloquent and forceful talk on the obligations of a community to its boys. He paid particular attention to the themes of service and spiritual elements required. Needless to add that Mr. Butler had something good to say about Scouting. Mr. E. L. Bost presented the troop charter to the troop committee, making the presentation in place of Mr. Harrison who had been called out of town. Mr. Davis, the Scoutmaster, came in for considerable praise for the fine work he has done with the troop. He spoke briefly, urging continued and increased co-operation from the parents. Several members of the church gave short talks, together with a distinguished orator of the Calumet District. (Continued next column)



The attendance at the last meeting of the North Shore Bugle Corps, on Monday, December 14th, is the best on record. Thirty Scouts appeared to disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood surrounding Chase Park. Mr. H. E. Whittlesley, who is in charge of the school, is much pleased with the results shown, and promises to have a first rate bugle corps before many weeks have passed. Meanwhile, a fife and drum corps is being organized under the direction of Major Tory. Plans are now under consideration for the merging of these two units to form a North Shore Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps. This unit will function at all district affairs.

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The North Shore District Cabin, near Dam No. 2, on the Des Plaines River, was in constant use throughout the Christmas holidays. An experienced camper was present every day to see that the camp was run according to the program which had been prepared beforehand. Assistant Field Executive Brenan further accommodated the Scouts by making a trip to the cabin each morning in the office "flivver." It was therefore possible for four boys to accompany him on each of the days. Registrations are now being taken for the new year at the district office.

Later on in the evening, the members of Troop 703 put on an investiture ceremony for the new Scouts of the troop.

721 Has Open Meeting

On Friday, December 4, Mr. Clanderman accepted the invitation of Mr. Harrison to hold an open meeting for the purpose of getting the community, especially the troop committee, more actively behind the troop. Members of the troop put on several impromptu Scout stunts for the benefit of the parents present. Another similar meeting will be held later in the year.

Troop Items

Mr. Geo. M. Heinsen made a tremendous hit with the members of Troop 792. John McNamara, Scoutmaster, recently when he learned that this bunch was going to the cabin. He loaded up his machine with good eats and preceded the Scouts to the cabin. No other outfit ever had such a variety of good things to eat at the cabin as did 792.

Help your Scoutmaster by getting your re-registration in at once. The Calumet District has a very good record in everything else but in the matter of re-registrations.

Troop 769, So. Deering, John Banas, Scoutmaster, must have been eating raw meat. They sent in for thirty applications for membership recently.

Which troop is going to take the swimming championship shield away from the Fernwood crowd? They think that they have it for life. The swimming meet comes in March.

Twenty-one Scouts passed tests at the first North Shore Life and Star Court of Honor, held Thursday, December 10th, while an equal number passed tests at an accommodation court held Saturday, December 19th. Badges were awarded at the open court held December 28th.

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A very interesting report of the November activities of Troop 805 has just reached the district office. Refreshments and movies featured the November 6th meeting. On November 13th, the boys participated in a nature study hike, followed by an indoor camp-fire. On Thanksgiving day eight of the Scouts took an auto tour to Elgin, Illinois, and remained at the cottage of the parents of George Mohr for the week end. We have rumors that many other troops have just as interesting programs. Why not let the rest of the district know about it? Send write-ups to the North Shore Scout Office, 1222 Wilson Ave.

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On Friday evening, November 20th, Troop 889 of St. Alphonsus Church, held one of the most successful parents nights it ever attempted. About 120 parents and friends of the Scouts attended the entertainment, which consisted of Scout demonstrations, pyramid stunts, and other features. Refreshments were served and every one went home voting the affair a huge success.

Scribe

Troop 603 Rescue an Automobile

"THEN the Boy Scouts to the Rescue!"—'Twas a mile and a half from Camp Kiwanis South on a cold winter night. A misplaced spring thaw had created mud, mud, and some more mud. A motorist had mistaken the mud sea for one of Chicago's nice, clean streets and had started across it. But horrors! he sank, no sank, I mean sunk in to his hub caps.

But the ever alert Boy Scout cried, "Fear not, my good sir, I'll get my gang and we'll rescue you. Just sit down and enjoy yourself till I hike a mile and a half to Camp Kiwanis and tell of your plight. We'll be back, never fear."

A Scout is Trustworthy thought the motorist and so he sat himself down and waited till the Scout returned with the gang.

An uncanny knowledge of leverage was thereupon demonstrated. Some of the fence rails, said to have been split by none other than Abraham Lincoln, were placed under the axles, the car boosted skyward, blocks and pieces of old cloth inserted and then the crucial test. The motorist petted his beloved motor, whispered sweet words in her ear, promised her a lump of sugar and then stepped on the gas. The deed was done, so away they run; back to Camp Kiwanis.

Fire Building in the Winter Time

CAN you build a fire when the ground is covered with snow and ice? Do you have to use a box of matches and a wad of paper, or can you build it like a regular woodsman, with the material at hand?

Of course, you cannot expect to build the fire on the top of the snow and hope to get any results. Clear away the snow for a good space around the spot where you are going to build the fire so that the heat of the fire will not melt the snow and this in turn wash out your fire. If there is a large flat rock nearby build your fire on this, or else lay several small, flat rocks together on the ground. If no rocks are handy make a floor of bark. This will keep your fire off the damp ground. And if rocks are used, as soon as the surface has dried off, the stones will heat up and retain this heat.

Emergency Tinder

But what shall we use to kindle the fire? The inside bark from dead trees, such as basswood or cedar, if dry, makes excellent tinder. Shred it up a bit and make it into a wad like a bird's nest. Wild grape vine can be found growing in most of the local woods. The coarse fibery bark is very good tinder. Clumps of dead leaves can usually be found clinging to the branches of oak trees far into the winter. These will be dry unless there has been a recent rain.

And now that we have tinder we can lay our fire. If it is to be an individual fire, get two sticks about three inches in diameter for base logs. Lay these on your floor of rock or bark so that the wind will blow through the space between them. These logs are to support the fire and leave a space for a draft at the bottom. Lay thin twigs across these base logs to form a grate and place the tinder on top of this grate. With small sticks build up a "block house" shaped structure around the tinder. This will form sort of a chimney.

Split Wood Always

If dry wood is scarce, strip the bark off the sticks and split them. The inside will be dry unless they are actually water soaked. Take one of these split sticks and whittle a pile of shavings into your hat. Place some of these shavings on top of the tinder.

You are now ready to light the fire. Place yourself with your back to the wind so as to shield the little flame. Be sure the match stick is burning well before applying it to the tinder. As soon as the block house is burning freely, gradually build up with larger split wood which you have previously prepared.

Your one-match fire will quickly become the source of radiant warmth and cheer, and before long of savory EATS.

Books for Scouts

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- The Book of the Stars—Olcott—**\$3.00**
- Astronomy for Young Folks—Lewis—**\$2.00**
- The Boy Astronomer—Collins—**\$1.50**
- Three-hundred Things a Bright Boy Can Do **\$1.75**
- The Boy Scout's Year Book Edited by Franklin K. Mathews—**\$2.50**
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Changes in Requirements and Insignia

To Become Effective January 1st, 1926

1. INSIGNIA

Service Stars

The one year star is to remain as at present, a small star of gold color on a green background. After January 1, 1926, the five year designation is to be a five pointed star of the same size as the one year star of silver color on a red background. The five year star is worn first in order. Stars are worn on uniforms only; the metal Veteran Pin is used on civilian clothes.

Veteran Embroidered Badge

Previous action eliminating the embroidered Veteran Sleeve Badge was rescinded. Both the embroidered Veteran badge and the service stars should be worn.

Fifteen Year Pin

The fifteen year pin is made of a dull finished gold, blue enamel, open work design, with the first class miniature badge in the center and antique coined edge.

Patrol Insignia

Patrol medallions uniform in size with troop medallions are official. These are to be worn on the right arm and bear the patrol symbol in black on a red background. The use of these medallions is optional with troops, but when a troop adopts this insignia, all its members must use this method. The medallions take the place of patrol colors.

Bugler and Scribe Badges to be Provided Separate from the Chevron of Rank

Scribe and Bugler badges are to be provided from the chevron of rank.

Metal Rope to Designate Honor Award Holders

The following plan for the use of the Metal Rope through the lapel buttonhole to distinguish Honor Medal holders was approved:

Award	Turns of Rope
Personal Letter or old Letter of Commendation (1912-1922)	None
Bronze Medal; Silver Medal, 1920-1922;	
Certificate for Heroism from 1922	One Turn
Silver Medal, 1912-1919; Gold Medal	Two Turns
(Silver Medal was highest award made to living scouts previous to 1920.)	
Gold Medal with Palms (for saving more than one life)	Three Turns

Quartermaster's Insignia

Quartermasters of troops and of camps may wear a cloth badge consisting of a wheel and key, immediately under the badge of rank or the commissioned officer's insignia.

Insignia for Scout Bands

Members of Scout bands may wear the musician's badge. The musician's badge is worn on the left arm by musicians of every kind, except buglers, who wear the regular badge as heretofore prescribed.

Merit Badge Sashes

The merit badge sashes are to be made of regulation two-point-ten khaki, of double thickness; identical on both sides and carefully finished. There are to be two widths, one $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide to carry two badges side by side, and the other 5 inches wide to carry three badges across the face. Each sash is to be about 27 inches long, when folded, joined at a V

point where each rests on the left side of the body. The use of the sash is optional, but it may only be worn by boys who have qualified for five or more merit badges. A Scout may not wear badges on the sleeve and sash both.

2. CHANGES IN REQUIREMENTS

Changes in Life and Star Rank

The following change of requirements for Life and Star rank has been made only after long consideration of a series of complaints growing out of the greater difficulty of the Life Requirements which led to the Scout's not completing the tests for the Life Badge until after he has completed enough elective tests for the Star, and resulted in his usually receiving both Life and Star badges at the same time. The term "Life" Scout is significant of required badges of this rank which relate to health and physical skill. This accounts for the revision of the terms Star and Life, necessitated by the change in requirements.

The Star Scout Badge is awarded to all first class Scouts who have qualified, and to troop committeemen and Scout officials other than assistant scoutmasters (except such of the latter who qualify as first class Scouts), for any five merit badges.

The Life Scout Badge is awarded to all Star Scouts who qualify for the following merit badges: First Aid, Physical Development or Athletics, Personal Health, Public Health and Life Saving or Pioneering, and other badges that are necessary to make a total of ten badges.

Revision of Second and First Class First Aid Requirements

The Second Class First Aid Requirement was changed as follows:

FROM:

"Elementary First Aid—Know the general directions for First Aid; demonstrate treatment for fainting, shock, bruises, cuts and scratches, burns, how to carry the injured, and elementary use of the triangle."

TO:

"Know the general directions for First Aid; demonstrate treatment including dressing where necessary for hemorrhage, fainting, shock, bruises, injuries in which the skin is broken, burns, sprains and demonstrate with the triangle the following bandages: head bandage, arm (sling), hand, foot and ankle bandage, eye and jaw bandage, (roller bandages may be substituted on arm and ankle), artificial respiration."

The First Class First Aid Requirement was changed as follows:

FROM:

"Advanced First Aid—Demonstrate methods of panic prevention, what to do in case of fire, ice, electric and gas accidents; what to do in case of a mad dog bite, or snake bite. Demonstrate the treatment for a fracture, poisoning, fainting, apoplexy, heat exhaustion, frost bite and freezing; also demonstrate the treatment for sunburn, ivy poisoning, bee stings, nose-bleed, ear-ache, grit or cinder in the eye, stomach-ache; demonstrate artificial respiration, also bandaging and how to carry the injured."

TO:

"Review Second Class Requirements. Describe methods of panic prevention, what to do in case of fire, ice, electric and gas accidents; what to do in case of a mad dog bite, or snake bite. Demonstrate the treatment including dressing where necessary for a fracture, poisoning, apoplexy, heat exhaustion, sunstroke, frost bite and freezing; also demonstrate the treatment for sunburn, ivy poisoning, bee stings, nose-bleed, ear-ache, grit or cinder in the eye, stomach-ache; transportation of the injured; demonstrate the triangular bandage on the head, eye, jaw, arm (sling), chest, fractured rib, hand, hip, knees, ankle and foot. Demonstrate how to make and apply a tourniquet. (Roller bandages may be substituted on arm and ankle)."

Separate Badges to be Provided for Different Divisions of Craftsmanship

Credit towards Eagle Scout rank is to be given at once for each division of Craftsmanship.

The Scout Oath and Law to be Included in the Second Class Requirements

The following recommendation was adopted:

"That there be added to the second class requirements the same reference that is used in the first class requirements, as to the Scout putting into practice the Scout Oath and Law, and further, that in all literature explanatory of tests—tenderfoot, second class and first class, merit badge, star, life and eagle Scout badges—care be exercised in placing special emphasis upon this fundamental responsibility of reviewing authority to make sure that the applicant is, in addition to meeting the technical requirements, actually carrying on as a Scout, as contemplated by his subscribing to the Scout Oath and Law and promising to "Do a Good Turn Daily."

"This is brought into the picture in the present application for star, life and eagle badges, but in the judgment of your Committee, should be included in all applications and literature having to do with any award.

"This is not considered to be the development of any new rule, but simply a more definite application of an interpretation which has been given by most Scout officials to the carrying on of the Boy Scout Movement."

Revision of Merit Badges Requirements

The requirements in the following merit badges have been revised to some extent. The changes will be recorded in the next edition of the Scout Handbook. Scouts taking examination in any of these subjects should get in touch with their field executive and find out the changes.

Camping
Scholarship
Angling
Foundry
Radio
Seamanship
Hiking
Athletics

New Merit Badges

Merit badges in the following subjects were approved in principle and referred to experts for further study: Public Speaking, Meteorology and Journalism.

The requirements for the merit badge in Reptiles has been approved. Your field executive will furnish you with the requirements if you are interested.